

MARYLAND REGISTER OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES

WHAT IS THE MARYLAND REGISTER?

The Maryland Register of Historic Propertiesⁱ is a list of properties considered by the State of Maryland as worthy of preservation for significance in American history and culture. Established in 1985 by the Maryland General assembly, the Maryland Register is administered by the Maryland Historical Trust and includes districts, buildings, sites, and objects. Inclusion in the Maryland Register requires that a property be listed in the National Register of Historic Places or determined eligible by the Director of the Maryland Historical Trust for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

A property is determined eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places when:

- the property is nominated to the National Register of Historic Places by the State Historic Preservation Officer,
- a locally designated historic district is certified by the Secretary of the U.S. Department of the Interior for purposes of the Federal preservation tax incentive program,
- a Federal or state agency requests a determination to comply with Federal and state laws, and
- a general request for determination is made to the Director of the Maryland Historical Trust.

A general request to the Director for a Maryland Register eligibility determination is similar to nominating a property to the National Register except that the documentation is not reviewed by the Governor's Consulting Committee on the National Register or a Certified Local Government and not submitted to the National Park Service for listing. Any person may request a Maryland Register determination of eligibility.

THE PROCESS

The process begins with submission of a National Register application. Within 60 days of receipt of the application, Trust staff will respond in writing to the applicant providing a technical opinion on the adequacy of the documentation and whether the property appears to meet the Maryland Register criteria for evaluation. Maryland Register and National Register criteria are identical. If the documentation is insufficient, the staff will provide the applicant with an explanation of the insufficiencies. A decision regarding listing will be made within 30 days after the required information and documentation is received. The applicant will be notified in writing of the decision within 15 days after the decision is made.

CONTRIBUTING RESOURCE ISSUE

A property is included in the National Register of Historic Places and Maryland Register of Historic Properties either individually or as part of a district. Inclusion in the Maryland Register of Historic Properties is an eligibility requirement for the Maryland Historical Trust grant and loan programs. If the property for which grant and loan funds are sought is located within a Maryland register district, it is necessary to demonstrate that the property contributes to the architectural and/or historic character of the district. The applicant does not need to complete a National Register form on the property but does need to provide information explaining how the property contributes to the significance, photographs illustrating the property and immediate setting, and a map showing the location of the property within the district boundaries. This information should be placed on a Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties form. Label the photographs with the name of the property, location, name of the district, and view. Do not mount the photographs but place them loose in an envelope. Submit the completed inventory form to the Evaluation and Registration Unit of the Office of Research, Survey, and Registration, Maryland Historical Trust.

EFFECTS OF INCLUDING A PROPERTY IN THE MARYLAND REGISTER

Certain Federal and state regulatory protections and state financial assistance programs are available to properties included in the Maryland Register. Among these are review of projects with Federal and state assistance and eligibility for Maryland Historical Trust grant and loan funds. For further information about the regulatory protections and financial assistance programs, please contact the Office of Preservation Services, Maryland Historical Trust, at 410-514-7630.

FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact Jan Gowing at 410-514-7644, or jan.gowing@maryland.gov.

ⁱ Title 34 DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING Subtitle 04 HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL PROGRAMS Chapter 05 Maryland Register of Historic Properties Authority: State Finance and Procurement Article, §5A-318(b)(1) and (c)(2) and 5A-323(b)(2) Annotated Code of Maryland.